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Sent: Mon 11/20/2017 11:20:43 PM
Subject: Re: Senate Budget ...

Folks

I've asked oparm to pull together some summary info for us. We can chat tomorrow

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 20, 2017, at 6:19 PM, Rodan, Bruce <rodan.bruce@epa.gov> wrote:

Ugh – not so good:

Key Points & Highlights

•**Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Operations.** The bill includes unacceptable cuts to EPA's operating budget, including 10 percent reductions to programs supporting clean water, clean air, enforcement against polluters, and scientific research. The bill even eliminates the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS), the critical EPA program relied on worldwide for assessments of toxic chemicals. The bill imposes the IRIS workload onto the recently-reformed Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) program, which was not designed to accommodate the breadth of the IRIS program's responsibilities. The bill also allows EPA to allocate an additional \$68 million in program cuts with no restrictions – enabling even further cuts to critical programs without the input of the Appropriations Committee. Funding is also included to enable the administration to cut a full quarter of EPA's current staff of scientists and public health experts. Finally, the bill endorses the President's request to eliminate nearly all of the agency's climate change programs.

<http://www.vermontbiz.com/news/2017/november/20/leahy-offers-summaries-chairman%E2%80%99s-marks-fy2018-appropriations-bill>

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All,

David Bloom mentioned that Senate Approps:

- Will be a Chairman's Mark
- Plan to post this afternoon? He will circulate details later [??]
- Substantially up compared to House: \$7.9B v. \$7.5B
- H & S are negotiating new budget caps, and trying to finish by end November – will be substantially up \$.
- No word on date of CR, but full expectation that will be rolled over and trying to finish by Calendar year end.

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